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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                               | 09/844,533             | TAKAHASHI ET AL.    |  |
|                               | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |  |
|                               | Paul Marcantoni        | 1755                |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

Items being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included with (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

This communication is responsive to 5/12/04 Notice of Allowability.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 18,19,21-34,36-53 and 55-58.

The drawings filed on 14 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements set below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached

1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),

Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit

7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment

of Biological Material

8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



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Examiner's Comments:

The applicants' amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 with amendments to the specification has been entered by the examiner.

Also, it must be clarified that the certified copies of the priority documents were not filed by WIPO but by applicants and this has been corrected on the cover page for the supplemental notice of allowability.

These statements have been made after a telephone conversation with Mr. Barth, applicants' counsel, to clarify the record on 5/18/04.

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